

# STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

## Glorybush

Maui County Priority Pest for Molokai:

**Glorybush** (*Tibouchina urvilleana*) is an aggressive noxious weed that is planted for its attractive flower, but has escaped the garden and is a pest throughout Hawaii forming impenetrable thickets and choking out other plants. Plants spread by prolific wind dispersed seeds and by cuttings or broken pieces of stems or leaves.

### Identification

**Height-** 3-4 m (10-15 ft); shrub

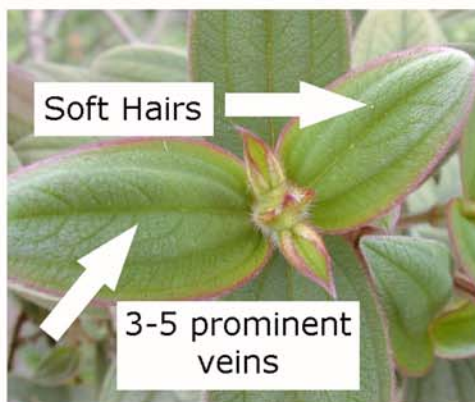
**Flowers-** large (127 mm or 5 in); deep purple; noticeable PURPLE ANTHERS

**Fruit-** fleshy

**Leaves-** 3-5 arching veins; covered in soft hair



Glorybush in flower



Leaf detail



Young glorybush growing on the side of the road, Big Island

### Don't mistake glory bush for these look-alikes:



#### Koster's curse (*Clidemia hirta*)

This weedy shrub is found throughout Maui County.

**Height-** 0.5-3 m (5-10 ft)

**Leaves-** 5-16 cm (2-6.3 in) long and 3-8 cm (1.2-3.1 in) wide, covered in coarse hairs

**Fruit-** Bright blue



**Cane tibouchina** (*Tibouchina herbacea*) is a widespread pest in Maui County. It can be differentiated from glorybush by its LONG YELLOW ANTHERS.



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